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Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly at the request of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

2. At its 34th plenary meeting, on 30 October 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 5 and 14 November 2008. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/63/SR.25 and 26).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 6 October 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/63/234).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13

5. At the 25th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Tajikistan, on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/63/L.13).

6. At its 26th meeting, on 14 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.